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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY SISCO FROM AMBASSADOR

REF STATE 193225

1. BEFORE YOU MEET WITH SRI LANKA'S AMB KANAKARATNE THIS WEEK (REFTEL), I HOPE YOU WILL TAKE CAREFUL ACCOUNT OF MY RECOMMENDATIONS RE FUTURE US ASSISTANCE WHICH ARE CONTAINED IN MESSAGE I AM SENDING SEPTTEL TODAY. AT MINIMUM, I HOPE DEPT WILL NOT REITERATE TO KANKARATNE THAT NO PL 480 WHEAT FLOUR MAY BE AVAILABLE FOR SRI LANKA THIS YEAR UNLESS (RPT UNLESS) WE ARE PREPARED TO PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE FORMS OF ASSISTANCE. TO DO OTHERWISE WOULD LEAVE CEYLONSE WITH CLEAR IMPRESSION SRI LANKA MIGHT BE ONLY SOUTH ASIAN COUNTRY WHICH WILL RECEIVE NO ASSISTANCE FROM USG THIS YEAR. POSSIBLE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC REPERCUSSIONS OF OUR FAILURE TO PROVIDE ANY AID IN FY 74 ARE ALSO SPELLED OUT IN MY MESSAGE.

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